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Application Branch

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 22031

Sir:

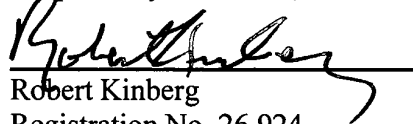
This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98 within the time set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b).

Attached are copies of the references cited in the Specification.

A Form PTO-1449 listing the references is attached.

In view of the above, no further statement of relevance or translation of the foreign language documents need be given, and as all requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, and all official guidelines pertaining to Information Disclosure Statements have been complied with, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited publications and make them of record.

Respectfully submitted,



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